

REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 15th, 2005

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 8, 2005, the Danville, Illinois Police Department contacted the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) requesting assistance in locating and apprehending Alex Garcia, Andre Smith, and a third fugitive wanted for the November 2004 murder of an individual during an attempted armed robbery. Garcia, Smith, and the 3rd fugitive, all armed, allegedly entered a home in Danville, Illinois in an attempt to rob the occupants of the home of drugs and money. Upon entering the home, the subjects were confronted by three adults and 2 children, ages 7 and 9. A scuffle ensued and all three adult occupants of the residence were shot. One occupant, the father of the two children, was killed and the other two wounded. According to Danville police, the children witnessed the murder and the robbers fled immediately after the shootings. Danville police searched the residence after the shootings and found approximately 250 lbs of marijuana and approximately \$5,000.00 cash. After a lengthy investigation, Danville police obtained arrest warrants for Garcia, Smith, and a third individual and immediately requested assistance from the GLRFTF. The GLRFTF, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information that Garcia may be in Chicago with a girlfriend. GLRFTF-Chicago began surveillance on the residence and on August 12, 2005, observed Garcia walking in the alley behind the residence. After a brief foot chase, Task Force officers arrested Garcia.

Later that day, GLRFTF from Central Illinois developed information that Smith was in an apartment in Danville, Illinois. Task Force members and Danville Police established surveillance on the complex after locating two vehicles Smith was allegedly driving. The surveillance team observed a man exit one apartment, enter and exit one of the vehicles, and walk back to the apartment. Task Force members stopped the man who indicated that Smith was in the apartment next to his. Task Force members and Danville Police entered the adjacent apartment and arrested Smith without incident. Information obtained after the arrest indicated that Smith believed the complex was under surveillance and sent the man to the car as a decoy to determine if it was safe for him to flee the complex and Danville, Illinois. The GLRFTF is still attempting to locate the third fugitive who, along with Garcia, is a member of the "Latin Kings" street gang.



Andre Smith

**"Latin Kings" Street
Gang Member**



Alex Garcia

**Wanted for Murder
and Attempted Armed
Robbery**

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 22, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) arrested Pierre Carrenard, who was wanted by the New York City Police Department and the Brooklyn South Homicide Squad for homicide and assault charges. On August 10, 2005 Carrenard went to his ex-girlfriend's home in Brooklyn, New York in search of her cousin. Carrenard had an altercation with the cousin on an earlier date and was seeking revenge for injuries sustained as a result of the dispute. Carrenard forced himself into the residence, but was not able to locate the cousin. The mother of Carrenard's ex-girlfriend attempted to remove the subject from her residence and was fatally stabbed to death with a butcher knife. Carrenard also stabbed and killed the victim's pet dog which was biting his legs during the attack. After the stabbing, Carrenard called his ex-girlfriend and asked her if she wanted to say goodbye to her mother because she was about to die. When the victim's 16-year-old niece went to the residence, she was confronted by Carrenard and was subsequently slashed in the face before managing to escape. The NY/NJ RFTF generated a lead indicating that Carrenard had been hiding out with friends in Miami, Florida since the attack. On August 22, 2005, Task Force members, with assistance from the USMS Fort Lauderdale Office, and USMS Technical Operations Group, located the residence in question. Investigators entered the residence and found the subject attempting to hide in a rear bedroom. Carrenard was arrested without incident and is awaiting extradition to New York to face homicide, and assault charges.



Pierre Carrenard

**Wanted for Homicide
and Assault**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 11, 2005, D.C. Metropolitan Police responded to N.W., Washington, D.C., for a report of a shooting and discovered a victim suffering from gun shot wounds to the body, hand, and arm. Before being transported to the Washington Hospital Center, the victim stated to police that he was approached earlier in the day by Ricardo Jones wanting to purchase a cell phone charger. During the transaction, Jones produced a handgun and began firing at the victim. The victim escaped unharmed. Later in the day, however, the victim was again approached by Jones who shot him several times. On July 1, 2005, detectives from the Violent Crimes Branch secured a warrant out of D.C. Superior Court, charging Jones, with assault with intent to kill while armed. On that same date, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. On August 16, 2005, CARFTF investigators developed information that Jones was located at a hotel in Reidsville, North Carolina. A collateral lead was sent to the North Carolina Fugitive Task Force and during the early morning hours of August 17, 2005, Jones was arrested without incident. Jones is currently being held, without bond, pending extradition back to Washington, D.C.



Ricardo Jones

**Wanted for Assault
with Intent to Kill
While Armed**

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On July 31, 2005, Rico Sims and Markell Dorsey, members of the “4500” street gang, attacked two individuals in Fulton County, Georgia. Investigators believe the assault occurred because the gang members felt that the two individuals were attempting to deal drugs on their turf. The members of the “4500” street gang, however, were badly beaten by the men, stripped of their body armor and an AK-47, then fled the scene. Later, Sims, Dorsey and four other gang members (Xavier Harris, Michael Grissom, Darnell Amaker, and Victor Goodman) went looking for the men to, as they put it, “earn their respect back.” They caught up with one of the men in the woods outside of a grocery store, where Grissom shot him in the face with a shotgun and killed him. At the time of his death, the victim was wearing body armor. After the murder, the gang members fled the scene, stole a second car and began searching for the other man. They located the other man sitting in a pick-up truck in the parking lot of a Fulton County apartment complex and began firing at him. A gun battle then ensued between the individual and the gang members. The gang members wrecked the stolen car and then bailed out of the bullet ridden vehicle, leaving the murder weapon inside. During the exchange, Amaker was shot through the right leg by an AK-47 round.

On August 1, 2005, the Fulton County Police Department requested the assistance of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERTFT) to locate and apprehend the gang members for murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. On August 12, 2005, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, information was developed that Sims and Dorsey could be located at a hotel in Atlanta. Surveillance was established and a short time later Sims and Dorsey were located in the parking lot of a hotel and arrested without incident. A Ruger semi-automatic pistol was recovered at the time of the arrest. On August 15, 2005, members of the SERFTF developed information that Grissom could be located at a residence in College Park, Georgia. Investigators established surveillance and once they determined that Grissom was inside, SERFTF investigators, with the assistance of Fulton County SWAT, made entry into the residence and arrested Grissom without incident. On August 16, 2005, members of the SERFTF developed information that Darnell Amaker was to be going to a residence in College Park. Investigators set up a surveillance of the area and were able to spot Amaker on his way to the residence. Investigators conducted a felony vehicle stop and were able to arrest Amaker without incident. On August 18, 2005, members of the SERFTF convinced the mother of Xavier Harris to turn her son in to police. Mrs. Harris brought her son to SERFTF investigators at the College Park Police Department where he turned himself in.

All of the subjects involved had significant criminal histories which included arrests for aggravated assault and drug trafficking.

“4500” Street Gang Members



Rico Sims



Markell Dorsey



Darnell Amaker




Michael Grissom



Xavier Harris

**Wanted for Murder
and Aggravated
Assault with a Deadly
Weapon**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>Franklin Mata, a California parolee at large, wanted on suspicion of rape and attempted murder surrendered to police after a standoff. Members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force had located Mata at an apartment complex in San Pedro, California. As the team attempted to move in, he fled to the complex and barricaded himself. Following a standoff, Mata surrendered and was taken into custody.</p>	<div data-bbox="1203 149 1375 405"></div> <div data-bbox="1190 407 1390 441">Franklin Mata</div> <div data-bbox="1144 478 1435 585">Wanted on Suspicion of Rape and Attempted Murder</div>